

Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Quarterly Milk Production Down 14 Percent

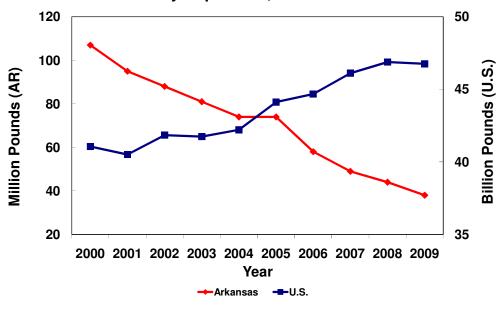
Arkansas milk production during the July-September 2009 quarter was 38 million pounds, down 14 percent from the same period in 2008, and down 16 percent from the April-June 2009 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 13,000 head, 1,500 head fewer than the same period last year, but unchanged from the previous quarter. Arkansas revised milk production for the April-June quarter to 45 million pounds, up 1 million pounds from the July report. Nationally, the number of milk cows and milk production decreased from the previous year.

Quarterly Milk Cows and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2007-2009

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Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2007	2008	2009	% Change	2007	2008	2009	% Change
Milk Cows ¹	Thousand Head			from '08	Thousand Head			from '08
1st Quarter, January-March	18.0	16.5	13.5	- 18	9,152	9,286	9,295	+ < 0.5
2nd Quarter, April-June	17.5	15.5	13.0	- 16	9,170	9,315	9,260	- 1
3rd Quarter, July-September	17.0	14.5	13.0	- 10	9,198	9,330	9,159	- 2
4th Quarter, October-December	17.0	14.0			9,236	9,330		
Milk Production ²	Million Pounds				Million Pounds			
1st Quarter, January-March	61	54	45	- 17	46,063	47,610	47,363	- 1
2nd Quarter, April-June	60	54	45	- 17	47,438	48,774	48,874	+ < 0.5
3rd Quarter, July-September	49	44	38	- 14	46,111	46,881	46,758	- <0.5
4th Quarter, October-December	50	43			46,042	46,727		

¹ Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

Quarterly Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S., July-September, 2000-2009



² Excludes milk nursed by calves.